

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CRIMES IN THE TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways are aware of increasing crimes in the trains particularly in the suburban trains in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has roped in regular train commuters to assist the police in protecting fellow passengers (Commuters Cops) to reduce the crimes and also to bridge the meager people – police ratio;
- (c) if so, the details alongwith the positive result achieved as a result thereof;
- (d) whether it is proposed to extend the scheme in all suburban sections in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): There is a decrease in the cases of offences against passengers over Indian Railways including the suburban trains during the year 2006 in comparison to year 2005.
- (b) to (e): A scheme called "RPF Mitra Yojana" which aims to strengthen contact and information network between Railway Protection Force and such Railway passengers / public who have been helped by RPF at some point of time has been introduced over all Zonal Railways including suburban sections w.e.f. 16.08.2007 to control crimes over Indian Railways. Lists of beneficiary passengers have been prepared and they are being contacted and meetings are being organized at various levels to make a bridge between public and Railway Protection Force. A positive response is being received from various places.